

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification; a clean copy of the Abstract is attached at the end of this Response:

A substrate accommodating tray for accommodating a substrate includes a frame including a pair of first frame portions facing each other and a pair of second frame portions facing each other; a plate-like support element provided in an area surrounded by the frame for supporting the substrate, the support element having a first opening provided between the pair of first frame portions; and at least one support member provided along the first opening between the pair of first frame portions for supporting the support element. The substrate is placed on an upper surface of the plate-like support element.